

FEE RAKE-OFF
INVESTIGATED

Governor Proctor and Attorney General Fitts at Rutland

LOOKING UP ASSERTIONS

Supt. Morgan Had Said That Officers Took Breach of Peace Cases to the House of Correction, Contrary to Law.

Rutland, March 31.—Governor Proctor and Attorney General Fitts were at the house of correction to-day investigating the assertions of Supt. D. L. Morgan that prisoners were being committed unlawfully for the sake of the fees of the officers. It is alleged that many branches of the peace prisoners are sent to the state institution when they should go to the county jail. Windsor county officers especially are under the ban because their long distance away makes the travel fees at fifteen cents a mile big. Governor Proctor would not talk.

CALL HARVARD MAN
IN MURDER CASE

He Was Put Through Rigid Questioning But Proved a Satisfactory Alibi and Was Released.

Boston, March 31.—A third suspect in the Arlington murder case was subjected to a long and rigid examination at the headquarters in Cambridge last night, and was not released until nearly 12 o'clock.

He is a student and member of a fashionable family in Cambridge, and in view of the fact that he established an absolute alibi his name will not be divulged by the authorities.

For nearly six hours he was under surveillance and was not released until his story had been carefully corroborated in every detail.

Two chums were brought to headquarters to testify in his behalf, and officers went to certain houses to confirm every movement he made on the night Miss Annie Mullica, employed as maid at the home of Prof. von Jagmann in North Cambridge, died in Squire's field, Arlington.

This young man, who was fashionably dressed, and about 23 years of age, was connected with the case by a peculiar circumstance which appeared highly suspicious to the police of both Arlington and Cambridge until they heard his version of the affair.

Determined to neglect no clue in their effort to clear up a mystery which, instead of unravelling appears to be growing more complex as the days pass, they decided to put him under examination.

He was questioned by Inspector Crowley of Arlington and Inspector Kneeland of the Cambridge squad called on him, shortly after 4 o'clock, and invited him to accompany them to police headquarters in Central square.

At first he thought it was merely to give testimony as a witness, but the examination hadn't progressed far before he realized that he was himself under suspicion in connection with the crime, and he is reported to have told his story with a frankness that was tinged with indignation.

BODIES IN FIELD.

Man and Woman Believed to Have Been Murdered at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., March 31.—The bodies of a man and a woman—the former believed to be that of Carl Bernthal, a music teacher, and the latter that of Miss Lona Zeidenman, a public school teacher—were found in a field near Euclid Heights, a suburb, yesterday. Both had been shot through the head, and it is believed that both were murdered or that the man killed the woman and then shot himself. The dead woman was about 28 years of age and the man about 35.

TWO BOYS KILLED.

Were Hunting For Firewood in Ruins of a Recently Burned Church.

Provincetown, Mass., March 31.—Venturing inside the tottering walls of the recently burned Centenary Methodist Episcopal church late yesterday, in search of firewood, two boys were killed and a man was seriously injured when a part of the ruins fell. The boys were Joseph Oliver, 15, and Joseph Holmes, 12. The man is Joseph Parada. It is believed that he will recover.

THREE MEN BURIED
IN NEW YORK RUINS

Old Madison Square Theatre Being Torn Down When Gallery Collapsed—To-day—Are Digging for Them.

New York, March 31.—At least three workmen were buried in the ruins of the gallery of the old Madison Square theatre on 24th street as the result of its collapse while it was being torn down to-day. Firemen are working to extricate them.

John G. Stetson Dead.

Boston, March 31.—John G. Stetson, clerk of the United States court of appeals since 1881, died at his home here last night after a general breakdown following an attack of the grippe. Mr. Stetson was over 70 years old and was widely known through his long services in the court.

TOWER'S RESIGNATION
HAS BEEN RECEIVED

It Will Take Effect June 1—President Has Accepted It and Will Appoint D. J. Hill.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—It was announced at the White House that the resignation of Ambassador Charles D. Tower at Berlin has been received, to take effect June 1. The president has accepted the resignation and will send the nomination of David Jayne Hill for his post to the Senate this afternoon.

Washington, March 31.—With a view to bringing to a close the gossip connected with reported disapproval in Berlin of the appointment of Dr. David Jayne Hill as ambassador and terminating the incident, Baron von Sternburg, the German ambassador, called at the White House last night, by appointment, to see President Roosevelt and Secretary Root. Assistant Secretary Bacon also was present. At the conclusion of the conference the following statement was given out:

"In addition to the communication already made public from the German foreign office, the German ambassador has also conveyed to the American government the assurance of the German emperor that there never has been any change in his attitude towards Mr. Hill and his cordial willingness to welcome Mr. Hill to Berlin. The emperor's favorable opinion of Mr. Hill was communicated to the Washington administration last November and his attitude has never changed since."

"Apparently some remarks in a casual conversation have been distorted by gossip and exaggerated by rumor so as to give a totally erroneous impression of the whole matter."

"The two governments have never shared this misunderstanding. The design of the president and the secretary of state, on choosing Dr. Hill, was to choose the man who of all the men in the diplomatic service was best fitted for this particular position—a position of the very first order in honor and responsibility, and one to which, therefore, it was deemed well to send a skilled diplomat, a student, a speaker, an author on international law, a learned German scholar, who had served with signal ability as assistant secretary of state under John Hay, and as foreign minister in two successive posts, in the last of which he had rendered marked service in connection with the Hague peace conference. This purpose is, and always has been, fully appreciated by the emperor personally, and in Germany at large."

STEWART INVITED TO
LUNCH BY PRESIDENT

Vermont's New Senator Puts in Busy First Day at The Nation's Capital.

Washington, March 31.—John W. Stewart's first day at the Capital city as a senator from Vermont has been full of activity. In the morning he thought he would pay a visit to his friend and son Phil's friend, Theodore Roosevelt. So he journeyed over to the White House offices and stopped at the entrance to the cabinet room to renew acquaintances with Maj. Loeffler, the veteran doorman.

As they talked the door was ajar. The president was moving around inside with much energy. He happened to look through the door.

"By George, Senator Stewart," he exclaimed, "entering the conversation with Maj. Loeffler. 'Come right in, I am real glad to see you.'"

Before the new senator had a chance to say anything he had been invited to the White House for luncheon. He had to hurry away to the Capitol to be sworn in at noon and to take his place as the most aged man of the upper legislative branch. The galleries were full of tourists, and some of the spectators were Vermont schoolgirls here on an excursion. The senator's attention was called to that, and also to the fact that they were going to the White House at 2:30 p. m. to see the president.

"Not invited to luncheon, too, are they?" he inquired.

About all the Senate came to shake hands with him. He seemed to know most of the employees, down to the doorkeepers and messengers—people who were around the Capitol in some capacity when he was here as a representative, 20 years ago. On very odd days he would find the glad news that he and although a little tired, he thinks he will like being a senator very much.

WON'T TRY ROY IN
FRENCH TRIBUNAL

Government Does Not Think It Proper to Turn a Citizen Over to a Foreign Power.

Paris, March 31.—The foreign office has practically decided to refuse the request from Washington for the surrender of Paul E. Roy, husband of Glacita Calla, for the murder of George Carkins. It takes the attitude that it is improper to turn a citizen of France over to a foreign power. A reply to the American demand is being withheld pending the preparation of an offer to try Roy before a French tribunal.

ESSENTIALLY BRYANIC.

Was The Dollar Banquet at Kansas City Last Night.

Kansas City, March 31.—Democrats from all parts of Missouri to the number of 3,000 attended a dollar dinner in the convention hall last night under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic club of Missouri. Wm. J. Bryan and Judson Harmon were the guests of honor and principal speakers. Some 1,500 persons thronged the hall as auditors and cheered the speakers.

The meeting was essentially a Bryan affair, spontaneous enthusiasm marking every mention of his candidacy for the presidency. The reception accorded Mr. Bryan was no less cordial, and suggestions promising him high honors from his party were enthusiastically received.

FIRED SHOTS
IN FLEEING

Four Desperate Men Robbed Stowe Post Office

EARLY THIS MORNING

They Wrecked the Interior of the Office and Got Nearly \$300—Howard Shaw Nearly Hit by One of Their Bullets.

Stowe, March 31.—Four desperate men broke into the Stowe post-office in the Akeley memorial building early this morning and fled with stamps and money, between \$600 and \$700 in all, after firing four shots at Howard Shaw, who lives across the street and who was awakened by the noise of the explosion. One of the shots came within an inch of Mr. Shaw's head, lodging itself in the sash of the window, where he stood and called to the men.

The explosion came at about 2:30 o'clock, and was of great violence. Mr. Shaw's family were awakened, as well as Mrs. John Morgan, who also lives nearby. The latter rushed to the window, but becoming frightened by the wild appearance of the men, did not make outcry. Mr. Shaw's family also hurried to their windows, and Mr. Shaw threw on a window facing the Akeley memorial. He saw smoke coming from the post-office, and within a short time four men emerged.

"What is the matter?" was Mr. Shaw's inquiry.

"Duck your d— head!" was the imperative reply of one of the men, accompanied by a bullet. The leaden missile hit the window sash, and Mr. Shaw hastily obeyed the command and got out of range. The robbers fired three other shots and then disappeared, taking the road leading to Waterbury. It is thought that they had a team waiting there to outstrip any pursuers that might enter the chase.

Daylight revealed a demolished condition of affairs in the post-office. The safe was blown open and the furniture was strewn about the place, while the letter cases were toppled over. Postmaster A. H. Cheney associates the robbery with four strange men who have been hanging about the place for a week and whose appearance attracted his attention particularly. There is little doubt that the four men were the ones who made the bold break this morning. The post-office is located on the main street of the village, and is surrounded by houses. From the looks of the office, some very high explosive was used by the robbers.

POSSE IS SEARCHING.

Tracks of Robbers Have Been Lost at the Lower Village.

Stowe, March 31.—A posse of citizens is out this afternoon trying to track the four men who robbed the post-office this morning. The tracks of the men have been followed to the lower village, but have become lost at that point. No suspicious characters have been seen in Waterbury, toward which the four men were sent to disappear, and it is now thought that the desperadoes may be hiding in or near Stowe.

Mr. Morgan, who was awakened by the noise of a second explosion, started to give an alarm over the phone and then remembered that the post-office is on the same line and desisted. Charles Simmons was another man who was aroused by the noise.

250,000 MINERS TO QUIT.

Contracts With Unions Expire To-night—Few News Ones Made.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—Nearly 250,000 miners will stop work to-night in the coal fields of Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and probably in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The contracts under which they are now working expire at midnight, and except central Pennsylvania and in the Indiana block coal district, new contracts or arrangements pending agreement, have been made.

The Indiana bituminous, western Pennsylvania and Illinois miners and operators are in joint session at Terre Haute, Pittsburg and Springfield.

John Mitchell returned yesterday and is preparing to step out of office. Vice President T. L. Lewis, who will succeed President Mitchell on Wednesday, will announce his appointments when he takes office.

GOTCH WILL RETIRE

After His Match in Chicago on Friday Evening.

Lowell, Mass., March 31.—Frank Gotch, the wrestler, states that after his match in Chicago, Friday night, he will withdraw from the arena. "I shall remain by my first declaration regarding the outcome of the fight," said Gotch last night. "It is my last match. I shall never take part in a public exhibition again. You may quote me as saying this, and I assure you that it is final." Gotch says he is confident of winning at Chicago.

BY INHALING GAS

Fall River Woman Committed Suicide Late Yesterday.

Fall River, Mass., March 31.—Miss Louie Richelski, aged 31, committed suicide in her home late yesterday by inhaling gas. Miss Richelski kept house for her married brother at 101 Cook street. No cause can be assigned for her action, and the members of her family say that she was in good health and never showed any signs of despondency.

OLD MAN ATTACKED
BY A BIG WHARF RAT

Henry O. Thatcher of Bellows Falls Severely Bitten By Immense Rodent Who Ran Up His Clothes and Persisted in Attack.

Bellows Falls, March 31.—Attacked by an infuriated "wharf" rat of immense size, Henry O. Thatcher, an elderly man, was severely bitten in the legs, hands and face while walking along one of the principal streets of the village yesterday. The accident was most peculiar and unusual and was witnessed by a number of people who were unable to reach the victim until he had been badly bitten.

Mr. Thatcher was walking along the street when a large rat ran by him. When a few feet in front of him, the animal suddenly turned and attacked the old man who was so overcome at the suddenness of the move that he was unable to shake the beast off. The rat was up the old man's leg biting him in the fleshy part. Mr. Thatcher made a dive at the animal to kick it off and his hands were severely bitten.

The rat then ran up his body and bit him in the nose and face. The old man succeeded in knocking the creature senseless with an umbrella which he was carrying and then, with a stone, he killed the animal. He walked to the nearby office of a doctor where his wounds were dressed, and while very painful, no serious results are anticipated.

CASE CONTINUED.

Because of Illness of the Counsel for the Plaintiff.

St. Albans, March 31.—By arrangement, the case of Ernest M. May, the Vermont Power and Manufacturing company and the Franklin County Telephone company for alleged negligence was continued to the next term of Franklin county court, owing to the illness of counsel for the plaintiff. Another case has been continued, and this leaves but two jury cases to be tried. State cases will be taken up next week.

CRAZED WITH ILLNESS,
DROWNED HIMSELF

Elroy Phelps of Brandon Was Suffering With Pneumonia and Eluding Watchers Hurling Himself Into Nesbobe River.

Brandon, March 31.—The body of Elroy Phelps was found yesterday afternoon in the Nesbobe river where he had drowned himself Sunday when crazed with pneumonia. He had been suffering with the disease for about a week and had been carefully watched, for in his delirium he wished to escape from those attending him. Early Sunday, to the temporary absence from the bedside of his grandfather, Phelps jumped out of the window and started for the river nearby.

He might all Sunday failed to reveal his whereabouts and it was thought that he had wandered into the woods. No trace of him was found, however, until between three and four o'clock yesterday afternoon when his body was discovered in eight feet of water, 10 feet from the spot where he had thrown himself into the river.

Phelps was about 32 years old, unmarried and a harness maker, at which trade he had worked at odd times. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phelps, by four brothers and by his grandparents at whose home he had been ill.

GIVES UP PASTORATE.

Rev. J. W. Denton Moves From Vernon to South Deerfield.

Vernon, March 31.—Rev. J. William Denton, who presided at his farewell service last night at the Advent church here Sunday, moved yesterday to South Deerfield, Mass., having bought a house and some land there. There is no Advent church in South Deerfield, but Rev. Mr. Denton will act as supply for churches in other towns, and later he will travel in evangelistic work. He came here about three years ago, and in addition to his work here, he was regular supply for the church in Brattleboro several months, but gave up the Brattleboro field because he felt unable to look after both parishes.

DR. TWADDELE PROMISED.

Not to Be Intemperate Any Longer; Was Released.

Skowhegan, Me., March 31.—With the promise from the court that the charges against him would be presented if he refrained from intemperate habits, Dr. Joseph B. Twaddelle of North Anson, who is under indictment for two alleged attempts upon the life of his brother-in-law, Fred Knight of North Anson, was released by Judge Spear in the supreme court yesterday on his personal recognizance, in the sum of \$1,000.

BERKMAN RELEASED.

Nothing Found to Connect Him With Bomb Throwing on Union Square.

New York, March 31.—Efforts of the police to connect Selig Silverstein, the Union square bomb thrower, with groups of anarchists have been successful, but thus far they have been unable to prove that his sensational act of Sunday was furthered in any way by these associates. These developments came yesterday, following the arrest of Alexander Berkman, who was later released on his own parole.

HOTEL PEOPLE FAIL.

Proprietors of Hotel Tivoli, Boston, Owe \$21,500.

Boston, March 31.—William F. Taylor and Mrs. Catherine F. Taylor, proprietors of the hotel Tivoli, 158 Washington street, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court. The liabilities are estimated at \$21,500 and the assets at \$20,000.

REPUDIATED
THE ACTION

Quincy Granite Manufacturers Against National

ARBITRATION MEASURE

Mass Meeting of the Association Last Night Was Animated—Committee Appointed to Confer With Their Attorney.

Quincy, Mass., March 31.—The granite manufacturers, at a mass meeting held last night, repudiated the action of the conference committee which recently decided against the manufacturers on certain matters at issue between them and the cutters. The mass meeting was an animated one and at its close a committee was instructed to confer with the attorney of the Manufacturers' Association regarding various legal points which have been raised.

The question hinges on four clauses cutters' association, and the Manufacturers are disappointed with the decision rendered by the committee, to whom the matter was submitted. The old bill of prices expired March 1, and the cutters submitted a new bill to the Manufacturers' Association, who accepted all but four items.

The matter in dispute was finally referred to an arbitration council. The council met in Boston last week, and after a discussion, which lasted thirty-six hours, returned a verdict for the cutters.

The decision was reported to the manufacturers and they said that inasmuch as William S. Alexander of the arbitration council is not a member of the national executive committee and not even a member of the manufacturers' association, the decision was invalid.

After considering the question, the manufacturers voted that it be the sense of the meeting if the settlement is illegal and that the dispute be referred to the local executive council to determine whether it is legal and binding.

COMMITTEES MEET
THIS AFTERNOON

First Joint Meeting Since Week Ago Monday—Boston Cutters Expected to Go Out To-morrow.

To see if a week's time has brought about any change in their views, the two committees of the Manufacturers' Association and Granite Cutters' Union met at 2 o'clock this afternoon, for conference on the situation. This is the first joint meeting of the committees since Monday, March 23.

This and a meeting of the committee of the Quarry Owners are the only matters scheduled for to-day.

BOSTON CUTTERS GO OUT TO-MORROW.

Boston, March 31.—The 250 granite cutters of the Boston branch of the Granite Cutters' International association will go out to-morrow unless their wage scale and working agreement for 1908-9 is signed to-day, when the present contract expires. The men ask for a wage increase of from \$3.25 to \$3.50 for an eight-hour workday and Saturday half-holiday for six months in the year.

QUINCY ENGINEERS MAY STRIKE.

Quincy, Mass., March 31.—There is no sign of a settlement in Quincy with the engineers, whose demand was an increase of the minimum wage from \$17 to \$20 per week. A strike is expected to-morrow.

BARBERS WRESTLING
WITH THEIR BILL

Two Conferences Were Held Yesterday Afternoon With No Result—Another Meeting To-night.

Two meetings of the committees from the bosses and the Journeymen Barbers' union were held yesterday afternoon to discuss the new wage scale asked for by the union. The committees came to no agreement. The union asks for a raise in wages from \$14 per week to \$15 and the shops to close on Thursday evening at six o'clock, in addition to the regular closing on Monday noons. The old bill expires to-night.

The conference committees are composed of E. L. Woodworth, William Miers and O. N. Granger from the bosses, Charles Bergeron, Clifford Peake and Fred Chaffield from the union.

A proposition from the bosses was turned down by the union's committee at the first meeting, and at the second meeting the union is said to have presented their bill with a few minor changes. There will probably be another meeting of the committees to-night.

JAQUES MURDER TRIAL.

Prisoner Charged With Killing Miss May Eddy, a Mill Girl.

Providence, R. I., March 31.—The trial of Earl Jaques, who has been indicted by the grand jury on the charge of murdering Miss Mary Eddy, a mill girl, on at only Greenville road, January 3, began in the superior court house here yesterday.

RIVERMAN DROWNED.

Body Was Recovered Yesterday After Being in Water a Day.

Woodville, N. H., March 31.—A riverman by the name of Johnson was drowned Sunday morning. He was working at Whitecherry for the Champlain railway company sluicing logs, when in some way he lost his balance and went into the water. The current forced him down through the sluiceway, and yesterday the body was recovered at Swiftwater, twelve miles below.

Joseph Poor, an old resident of this town, died at Haverhill Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock of heart failure. Mr. Poor was born in that part of Piermont known as the Indian Pond district, in 1840. He received his education in the common schools and Bradford academy. He was married at Newbury to Lizzie M. Swasey. He came to Haverhill in 1859 and entered the employ of his brother-in-law, William H. Page, as clerk in the general store. In 1880 he formed a partnership with Tyler Westgate of Haverhill in a general store which went under the firm name of Poor & Westgate. He remained in this firm until six years ago, when fire destroyed their store. He retired from active business then. His wife died in February, 1905. He has one child, Mary Louise, wife of Dr. H. C. Stearns of Concord. Politically Mr. Poor was a Democrat. He was postmaster at Haverhill under Cleveland's administration.

TENDERED A FAREWELL.

Rev. August Johnson Guest of Swedish People Last Evening.

A farewell reception was given last evening at the home of Andrew Nelson on Boynton street to the Rev. August E. Johnson, who left this noon for Warren, Penn. There were fifty people present and the occasion was made very enjoyable. A musical program was rendered during the evening and refreshments served. Remarks were made by different ones expressing their regret at the departure of their pastor, who has been in charge of the Swedish mission here for the past ten months. Gus Rosendahl in behalf of the company presented Mr. Johnson a sum of money, to which the pastor responded very feelingly, thanking his friends for their kindness and mark of esteem.

CUT TREES SCIENTIFICALLY.

1,000,000 Feet of Hard and Soft Timber in Chittenden.

Rutland, March 31.—The Rutland railway, light & power company has contracted with Grel Johnson of Chittenden to cut 1,000,000 feet of hard and soft timber on the company's land adjoining its immense reservoir in Chittenden. In order to get the necessary water rights the concern had to buy thousands of acres of extra land and a late survey shows that it has 3,000 acres of timber. The lumber is to be cut scientifically under the supervision of the company's engineer. With a view to conserving the small timber and protecting the watershed only trees eight inches or more in diameter, three feet above the ground, will be cut.

The company is fitting up the Baird mill, built 37 years ago and long since gone to ruin and will market its lumber.

BURLINGTON MAN ARRESTED.

Melville B. Boyle Taken By Toronto Police.

Toronto, Ont., March 31.—Melville B. Boyle, 24 years old, wanted in Burlington, Vt., on a charge of embezzlement, was arrested here yesterday. He will waive extradition proceedings and return to Burlington with an officer who is now on his way here.

WINTER TO JOIN RED SOX.

Pitcher Left Burlington Yesterday For Cincinnati.

Burlington, March 31.—George Winter the Boston American pitcher, left yesterday for Cincinnati, where he will report to manager McGuire for the season's work. Winter is in fine form, and says he never felt better. He has kept in weight down and his muscles limber all the winter by daily work in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

For the last two weeks he has been out every day with the university of Vermont squad and has given that hard hitting bunch some stiff batting practice. Winter is entitled to be called papa this season, by virtue of the arrival of a plump son about a month ago.

OPEN OLD QUARRIES.

Baltimore Capitalists Become Interested in Vermont Property.

Clarendon, March 31.—Baltimore capitalists, who some time ago acquired possession of the Orville marble quarrying company plant at Clarendon are to put up an 18 gang mill at the quarries. They say they have placed several large orders in the State. The Orville quarries have been idle some time.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT.

Was the Bulletin From Gov. Guild's Bedside To-day.

Boston, March 31.—Gov. Guild's condition to-day shows continued, though slight, improvement.

Pastor Reconsiders Resignation.

Burlington, March 31.—At the importuning of the presiding elder and the local committee, Rev. Dr. G. W. Brown will reconsider his resignation as pastor of the Methodist church.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Roy Smith is home for a two weeks' vacation. He is on the Mozart circle, doing vanderbilt stunts, such as snapping hams, etc. He will go back to his work.

WILL OPPOSE
"KIT" HASKINS

Frank Plumley of Northfield Out For Congress

ANNOUNCEMENT TO-DAY

Present Chief Judge of Vermont Court of Claims and Arbitrator of International Disputes Thinks That Haskins Has Had It Long Enough.

Matters political in the second congressional district and especially in Washington county were given a slight acceleration to-day by the formal announcement by Frank Plumley of Northfield that he will contest the Republican nomination for congressman with the present incumbent, Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro. The announcement was expected, so not a great deal of surprise was felt. Haskins defeated Plumley in the convention of 1900 after a close and somewhat acrid fight. He has kept out of the light since then and Haskins has had clear sailing except for one brush with John W. Gordon of Barre.

When interviewed today regarding the canvass, Mr. Gordon stated: "I do not wish to break up the county support and I shall not enter the contest against Mr. Plumley this year."

Plumley Presented.

Mr. Plumley's official announcement, which was made to-day by the Northfield News, is as follows:

"The News is pleased to formally announce the candidacy of Hon. Frank Plumley for representative to Congress from the Second Vermont district. "In 1900 Mr. Plumley was a candidate for congressional honors. Hon. Porter H. Dale of Island Pond, Hon. Wendell P. Stafford of St. Johnsbury and Hon. Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro were his opponents, the latter leading him by a very few votes.

"Mr. Plumley's support stood by him with splendid loyalty ballot after ballot, as did the supporters of the other candidates. A protracted night's struggle confronted the convention with the probable ill blood natural to follow such a contest, and as such contests usually do with the defeat of the original contestants through a 'dark horse' brought forward as a compromise.

"It was then that Mr. Plumley, in the spirit of party harmony, foregoing the logical result, generously withdrew and Mr. Haskins' nomination immediately followed.

"Two years ago there was a strong demand that Mr. Plumley again be a candidate. Mr. Haskins pleaded for another term that he might serve to the end of the Roosevelt administration. This was recognized as a reasonable ambition and this, with certain personal reasons, decided Mr. Plumley to decline to enter the canvass in 1906. Mr. Haskins was handsomely renominated for what was generally understood to be his last term in Congress.

"With the completion of his present term, Col. Haskins will have been longer in Congress than most of the representatives sent from Vermont in the past, and no one will claim that his services have been more than of average character. "Mr. Plumley, with a laudable ambition to serve his state in Congress, has waited to announce his candidacy until he was assured from every section of the district that there is a hearty and enthusiastic support for him. Mr. Plumley needs no newspaper introduction. He is universally and favorably known in his own state and enjoys a wide acquaintance outside its borders. He is a progressive and active citizen, who has given largely of his time and ability in every good cause. He has been honored by his state, and in turn has done honor to Vermont.

"Mr. Plumley has efficiently served in both branches of the state legislature and is at present chief judge of the court of claims. In larger affairs, he has held the office of United States district attorney and in 1903, through the influence of the late Senator Proctor, he was appointed by President Roosevelt umpire in the mixed commissions for Great Britain and Venezuela, and for Holland and Venezuela. In this mission he spent six months in the South American capital. That his exacting work in this responsible and altogether unique position was highly satisfactory, was evidenced in the fact that he was later selected by the governments of France and Venezuela as an umpire in further disputes between those two countries.

"Mr. Plumley is in middle life, a strong man mentally, with the health and courage which comes from right living. If the Republicans bestow upon him the honor of representing Vermont in Congress, as The News believes they wish to do, Mr. Plumley's services to both his state and his country will be of a superior character."